

Radar (ASR-8) that has been in place for 16 years and is two generations old. The existing radar is located at the absolute lowest point of the valley which reduces its airspace coverage for all six airports in the region. An FAA study identified a site north and at a higher elevation than the existing radar site which would allow air traffic controllers to track aircraft movements longer and at lower altitudes than currently possible.

Requesting Member: Congressman Dean Heller

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 2050 Villanova Dr., Reno, NV 89520

Description of Request: \$250,000. This funding will be for the Washoe County bus and bus facilities project which includes the replacement and expansion of the Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) transit fleet including standard coaches and paratransit vehicles and the construction of additional park-and-ride facilities. New buses must be purchased to replace worn-out vehicles in the existing fleet, increase service on existing routes and initiate new service. These replacement vehicles will help the RTC to increase schedule reliability, reduce the cost of vehicles and increase transit ridership and fare box revenue.

#### CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, forty years ago today, millions of Americans and other people around the world, sat tuned in to the most advanced media device of the day, the television. Millions more, gathered around radios. While still others simply raised their heads and fixed their eyes to a common sight—the moon. Yet, on this day, 40 years ago, the moon was markedly different. For on that day, mankind, represented by a young 38-year-old American, Neil Armstrong, set foot on the moon.

On this day, 40 years ago, the country and the world were divided along many fronts. This country was reeling following a spate of high profile assassinations that took the lives of John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert Kennedy. The world was divided by ideology, separated into blocs of countries aligned with the Soviet Union and those aligned with the west. Finally, this country was in the midst of a bitter conflict in Vietnam that robbed this country of the lives of thousands of young men and women.

Yet, despite these divisions, the nation and the world was united, united in the celebration of an achievement for mankind. And while the world had not yet seen the internet, the I-phone, or Twitter, we were all connected, connected by a single feat.

Today, forty years later, while there are still some sources of division, the world stands

today connected in a variety of ways. The step onto the surface of the moon left more than a mere foot print in the moon sand, it created a technological movement that has resulted in many of the devices that define our life today.

This feat happened because of the combined determination and diligence of an entire country. From the inspiration of a young President who challenged us to set our sights on the moon, scientists developed new materials, engineers manufactured innovative equipment, and factory workers assembled cutting edge transport crafts. Together, these Americans proved that by working together, toward a common purpose, there is nothing beyond our reach. It was true then, I have no doubt that that fact will remain true today.

President Obama has convened a commission to chart our next steps into space. The President is confronted with several choices. With soaring deficits facing our states and the looming costs of health care reform and energy reform before the nation, some may argue that we cannot afford such a risk.

Yet others realize the gains of that small step. Gains that created new innovations in agriculture, architecture, and even health care. The pacemaker is just one of the many life saving technologies that has resulted from that same small step.

Mr. Speaker, I urge President Obama to follow the lead of that young visionary President that preceded him 40 years ago. I urge him not to shy away from continuing the investment made by the past generation of Americans. I encourage the President to move ahead and continue the nation's investment in space exploration.

I am confident that the President will move forward. He's already shown his vision by recently appointing Marine Corps Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. as NASA Administrator. General Bolden graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968, nearly 20 years after the first Black to graduate from that institution, Wesley Brown.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, General Bolden accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. General Bolden was in flight school, when former Navy aviator, Neil Armstrong, landed on the moon. This feat kept General Bolden motivated and after two years of flight training, he was designated a naval aviator in May 1970. He flew more than 100 sorties into North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, in the A-6A Intruder between June 1972 and June 1973. Upon returning to the United States, General Bolden began a two-year tour as a Marine Corps selection officer and recruiting officer in Los Angeles, followed by three years at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California. During his free time, General Bolden returned to school to earn a Masters degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1977.

In June 1979, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Maryland, and subsequently served as an ordnance test pilot and flew numerous test projects in the A-6E, EA-6B, and A-7C/E airplanes. As a pilot, he has logged more than 6,000 hours flying time.

General Bolden was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in 1980, and became an astronaut in August 1981. A veteran of four space flights, he has logged more than 680 hours in space, including 444 orbits of the

earth. General Bolden served as pilot on STS-61C (Space Shuttle Columbia, January 12–18, 1986) and STS-31 (Space Shuttle Discovery, April 24–29, 1990), and was the mission commander on STS-45 (Space Shuttle Atlantis, March 24, 1992–April 2, 1992), and STS-60 (Space Shuttle Discovery, February 3–11, 1994). During his first Discovery mission, General Bolden and his colleagues successfully deployed the Hubble Space Telescope while orbiting the earth from a record setting altitude of 400 miles. The second Discovery mission was the historic first joint U.S./Russian Space Shuttle mission with a Russian Cosmonaut as a crew member.

General Bolden also held two administrative posts at NASA during these years. Following the Challenger accident in 1986, he was named the chief of the safety division at the Johnson Space Center, overseeing safety initiatives in the return-to-flight effort. From April 1992 to June 1993, General Bolden served as Assistant Deputy Administrator for NASA.

In 1994, General Bolden returned to active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps as the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. In July 1997, he was assigned as the Deputy Commanding General, I MEF, Marine Forces, Pacific. From February to June 1998, he served as Commanding General, I MEF (FWD) in support of Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait. In July 1998 he was promoted to his final rank of Major General and assumed his duties as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces, Japan. General Bolden then served as the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, serving from August 9, 2000 until August 2002. He retired in August 2004.

Following retirement, General Bolden became active in the corporate sector. Since 2004, he has been the owner and CEO of Jack and Panther LLC, a privately-held military and aerospace consulting firm in my district of Houston, Texas. Having recently been confirmed by the Senate and assumed his post, General Bolden is the first Astronaut to lead NASA. As an Astronaut, General Bolden understands NASA's mission, its operations, and its most valuable resource, its personnel.

With a background of achieving in the face of obstacles, General Bolden is well positioned to help NASA define its role in the midst of our nation's fiscal crisis. Moreover, General Bolden in his new role as NASA Administrator has the potential of inspiring a new generation of young people, much like I and many others were inspired by Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins forty years ago. I urge support for this resolution.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3138

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orange

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California 92701

Funding Secured: \$52,193,000

Description of Request: The Santa Ana River Mainstream Project, including Prado Dam, provide urban flood protection to the growing communities in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties, and has been a high priority project for the Army Corps of Engineers since it was first authorized in 1986. The Santa Ana River has been recognized as the worst flood threat west of the Mississippi River. The Army Corps of Engineers estimates if flood mitigation is not completed, a major storm event could flood over 110,000 acres, kill 3,000 people, and destroy up to \$15 billion worth of property in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Floods from the Santa Ana River would destroy interstate transportation facilities, railroads and highways, and have long-term effects on business activities on a national level. The project, which extends some 75 miles along the Santa Ana River, will increase levels of flood protection to more than 3.35 million people in the area. Federal assistance for the start of construction was approved in the Fiscal Year 1990 federal budget and has been included in the federal budget every year since.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3138

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8300, Fountain Valley, California 92728

Funding Secured: \$100,000

Description of Request: The Ground Water Replenishment (GWR) System Mid-Basin Injection Pilot Facilities Project will determine the feasibility, and the benefits and costs of constructing a full-scale project that would inject GWR System product water directly into the principal aquifer in an area of high volume groundwater pumping. The purpose of the GWR System Mid-Basin Injection Pilot Facilities Project is to reduce reliance on imported water by expanding local water supplies. This will be accomplished by increasing recharge of the Orange County groundwater basin through direct injection of purified, recycled water into the groundwater basin. This project will install one pilot test well and two monitoring wells, evaluating hydro-geologic data, and developing a preliminary plan for full-scale construction.

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Description of Request: The Groundwater Replenishment System (GWR System) is a jointly funded project of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) with OCWD serving as the lead or constructing agency. When

complete, the GWR System will be the largest water recycling project of its kind in the world, reusing 140,000 acre feet per year (AFY) of advance treated wastewater (recycled water). The GWR System will supplement existing water supplies by providing a new, reliable, high-quality source of water to recharge the Orange County Groundwater Basin and protect the Basin from further degradation due to seawater intrusion. By treating excess storm flows along the Santa Ana River, the GWR System project also postpones the need for OCSD to construct a new ocean outfall in Huntington Beach.

#### RECOGNIZING GENESIS AT THE CROSSROADS

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Genesis at the Crossroads, a non-profit organization whose mission is to bridge cultures in conflict through the arts and to create innovative arts-education programs around the world.

Founded in 1999 by Dr. Wendy Sternberg, Genesis at the Crossroads utilizes the arts as a form of diplomacy, using expression to foster understanding. The organization brings together ethnic artists to share their talents and unite their audiences in celebrations of diversity.

Art is the adhesive that keeps world cultures united. Artistic expression and appreciation are fostered by Genesis at the Crossroads through programs such as the HAMSA-Fest, which celebrates Middle Eastern and North African art, and Our World One Piece at a Time, a peace quilt program that fosters philanthropy and understanding among youth.

Genesis at the Crossroads creates the unique and rare opportunity to truly work in unison with those of differing and often conflicting backgrounds. The success of the organization, now in its tenth year, is a testament to the power of the arts.

We congratulate Genesis at the Crossroads on their ten-year anniversary and thank their artists, organizers, and audiences that have participated in their programs. Genesis at the Crossroads has proven understanding is possible regardless of conflict, when we combine passion for the arts and compassion for others.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Mary's Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 235 West Sixth Street, Reno, NV 89503

Description of Request: \$700,000. This funding will be used for the construction of a new Nephrology Center of Excellence. This center will provide residents of Northern Nevada and Northeastern California the option of accessing kidney transplants at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Renown Health Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Ryland, Suite 402, Reno, NV 89502.

Description of Request: \$800,000. Two-thirds of all births in the Reno/Sparks area occur at Renown Regional Medical Center. Renown Regional Medical Center is the only Children's Miracle Network hospital in the Northern Nevada Region. In order to serve the Washoe County and Northern Nevada region, Renown Health must expand and renovate its current facilities in the Women's and Children's Center to meet these needs. This funding will be used to expand Renown's current room capacity and renovate existing rooms to provide an overall improvement in the delivery experience for the mother and her family.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for Delaware included as part of the FY 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Name of Project: Delaware Department of Education, Dover, DE for a school leadership initiative

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delaware Department of Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, DE 19901

Description of Request: \$250,000 to train, mentor, and coach superintendents, principals, and other leaders within the Vision 2015 Network to sharpen their focus on data and realign their time and resources to maximize student achievement.

Name of Project: Rodel Foundation of Delaware, Wilmington, DE for the Delaware Parent Leadership Institute

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293